



A specialized docket for the adult criminal justice system's youngest Defendants, ages 17, 18 and 19 years of age.

PURPOSE: Project Engage aims to reduce the number of revocations, convictions and jail sentences by providing teenage offenders the additional support and structure of regular judicial oversight within a probation term that has an emphasis on giving back to our community, school and/or work.

Monthly Group Court Appearances
Mandatory School and/or Work as a Condition
Community Service and Engagement
Mentorship Programing
Resume Building, Job Finding and Training Resources

Project Engage is proud to have Community Partners in the following:



This docket takes place before Judge Mueller in County Court #6 every month. Misdemeanor cases that may be appropriate for Project Engage can be transferred into Court #6 from another County court or pled down as a reduction from felony District Court.

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THE ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Offenders should:

- * **be 17-20 years of age;**
- * **be a Travis County resident;**
- * **not have a violent criminal history;**
- * **not have had a previous commitment to TDC or TYC;**
- * **not have unresolved cases pending.**

The program may be particularly applicable for offenders who:

- * **lack a high school diploma or GED;**
- * **are unemployed;**
- * **are indigent;**
- * **or who have limited vocational skills.**

Conditions of probation to include:

- * **Appear in Court 6 monthly in a group setting (2pm Thursday usually the last week of the month);**
- * **Remain in school/work;**
- * **Undergo random drug and alcohol tests;**
- * **Complete a series of community service projects designed specifically for this program;**
- * **Take part in mentorship program;**
- * **Complete treatment and counseling as may be recommended.**

The Incentives for Accomplishment and Progress:

Offenders will be recognized for improved compliance and Accomplishment with:

- * **Early Discharge;**
- * **CSR credit;**
- * **Recognition Certificate, letters and employment referrals;**
- * **Fee waivers or reduction.**

The Consequences of Non-Compliance:

- * **Work Crew community service through the probation department;**
- * **Additional CSR;**
- * **Increased Frequency of Random UA program;**
- * **Placement on Electronic Monitoring;**
- * **Referrals to Additional Counseling, Treatment, etc.;**
- * **As a last resort, revocation and jail time at full exposure.**



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